

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer implemented method of processing documents received on a server system comprising:
 - storing a plurality of ~~first electronic documents~~ references on the server system, wherein the plurality of references are electronic documents, the plurality of references comprising a first reference comprising a set of the plurality of first electronic documents containing reference information to be disclosed to a patent office;
 - receiving a citation document ~~second electronic~~ document on the server system, wherein the citation document is an ~~the second~~ electronic document including citation information for one or more prior art reference documents;
 - providing communication between the server system and a client system, wherein the client system is configured to provide interaction between a user and the server system;
 - displaying the citation information in the citation ~~second electronic~~ document to a user of a client system in a first display section; and
 - displaying, displaying a plurality of identifiers and one or more input select elements in a second display section, an identifier each of the plurality identifiers corresponding to one of the plurality of first electronic documents, the first reference; and
 - providing an interface element associated with the identifier, wherein the interface element is configured to receive, from the user, input pertaining to the first reference, the input comprising information about a relationship between at least some of the citation information in the citation document and the first reference.
- ~~wherein the user enters information into the server system using the input select elements, the information corresponding to the relation between the displayed citation information and the displayed plurality of identifiers.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the displayed citation information includes information about one or more prior art reference documents ~~referencees~~ submitted to a patent office and an indication of whether or not each prior art reference document was considered by the patent office, and the input received from information entered by the user indicates whether or not the first reference was each of the plurality of identifiers corresponding to the first electronic documents were considered by the patent office.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein displaying the citation information includes displaying an image file of a form received from a patent office.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the form is a notice of references cited by a patent applicant.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein the form is a notice of references cited by a patent office.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the first reference is a patent, and wherein the identifier comprises a patent number associated with the patent. ~~displaying a plurality of identifiers comprises displaying a plurality of patent numbers associated with a case.~~

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the identifier comprises a identifier are United States Patent numbers. number.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the identifier comprises a identifier are foreign patent numbers. number.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~6~~ 1 wherein the reference is a published patent application and identifier comprises a serial number of the published patent application. ~~identifiers are serial numbers of patent publications.~~

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises a title of a publication. ~~displaying a plurality of identifiers comprises displaying a plurality of publication titles.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the identifier comprises a link to the first reference. ~~identifiers are links to the electronic documents.~~

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the interface element comprises input select elements include a yes check box and a no check box pair for each of the plurality of identifiers, and wherein when the yes check box is mouse is configured to receive input indicating that the first reference clicked by the user, the information indicates that the identifier corresponding to the yes check box has been considered by a patent office, and when the no check box is mouse is configured to receive input indicating that the first reference clicked by the user, the information indicates that the identifier corresponding to the no check box has not been considered by the patent office.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the displayed citation information includes information about one or more prior art reference documents ~~references~~ discovered by a patent office, and the input received from ~~information entered by the~~ user includes information about additional electronic documents corresponding to the references discovered by the patent office but not stored on the server system.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14 wherein the interface element input select element is configured to allow the user to indicate an additional electronic document from an external source, and an electronic add button, and in accordance with mouse clicking the ~~electronic add button,~~ the information is entered by loading an electronic document from an external source.

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the citation-second ~~electronic~~ document is received by electronic mail.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of references stored ~~plurality of first electronic documents~~ on the server system is an electronic version[s] of a United States Patent.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of references stored ~~plurality of first electronic documents~~ on the server system is an electronic version[s] of a foreign patent document.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein at least one of the plurality of references stored ~~plurality of first electronic documents~~ on the server system is an electronic versions of a publication.

20. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
displaying, in the second display section, a plurality of identifiers, each of the plurality of identifiers corresponding to one of the references stored on the server system; and
providing a plurality of interface elements, each of the plurality of interface elements being associated with one of the plurality of identifiers.

21. (New) A system for processing documents, the system comprising:
a server system comprising a first processor and a first computer readable memory comprising a first set of instructions executable by the first processor, the first set of instructions comprising:

instructions to store a plurality of references, wherein the plurality of references are electronic documents, the plurality of references comprising a first reference comprising a set of reference information to be disclosed to a patent office; and
instructions to receive a citation document, wherein the citation document is an electronic document comprising citation information for one or more prior art reference documents; and

a client system in communication with the server system, the client system comprising a second processor and a second computer readable memory comprising a second set of instructions executable by the second processor, the second set of instructions comprising:

instructions to display for a user, in a first display section, the citation document;

instructions to display, in a second display section, an identifier corresponding to the first reference; and

instructions to provide an interface element associated with the identifier, wherein the interface element is configured to receive, from the user, input pertaining to the first reference, the input comprising information about a relationship between at least some of the citation information in the citation document and the first reference.

22. (New) A computer program embodied on at least one computer readable memory, the computer program comprising a set of instructions executable by one or more processors, the set of instructions comprising:

instructions to store a plurality of references, wherein the plurality of references are electronic documents, the plurality of references comprising a first reference comprising a set of reference information to be disclosed to a patent office; and

instructions to receive a citation document, wherein the citation document is an electronic document comprising citation information for one or more prior art reference documents;

instructions to display for a user, in a first display section, the citation document;

instructions to display, in a second display section, an identifier corresponding to the first reference; and

instructions to provide an interface element associated with the identifier, wherein the interface element is configured to receive, from the user, input pertaining to the first reference, the input comprising information about a relationship between at least some of the citation information in the citation document and the first reference.